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END OF A DIVORCE CASE

The Notorious Sharon-Hill Scandal
Concluded.

A Celebrated Case—A Decree Granted
a Woman Never Formally Married,
as Well as Half an
Ex-Senator's Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—At an early hour Wednesday morning San Francisco was on the qui vive to gain the first information of Judge Sullivan's decision in the great Sharon divorce suit, brought against a man to whom the plaintiff was never formally married, which has been dragging its slow length along in the courts for over a year.

The Hill-Sharon suit has been one of those remarkable cases which seem to be indigenous to California soil, and which could scarcely have existed in a less highly raffish atmosphere than that which characterizes this inviting coast. The story has been told in fragmentary dispatches, but its interest is almost perennial. The spectacle of a well-born, highly educated and beautiful woman seeking a divorce from a man to whom she was never formally married, and whom her family mentally rejected as their daughter's inferior in intellect and social position, is in itself a most unusual phenomena. But to the primary absurdity of Miss Hill's position, many new absurdities were added as the case progressed. It was shown that in her endeavors to revive the flagging devotion of Sharon, Miss Hill secretly plied him with harmless draughts for which she paid ridiculous prices to professional compounders of so-called love potions. She wore next to her heart one of the Ex-Senator's stockings, which had been baptized in whiskey, and over which the mystic words of a sooth-sayer had been spoken. Parts of Sharon's wearing apparel were purloined from his room at the Palace Hotel and in a lonely cemetery at midnight, they were placed beneath a coffin in a new made grave, the theory being that by devices such as this, delinquent love might be regained. Persons were promised large sums of money to swear to the existence of a marriage contract, gave their testimony, repented, confessed themselves as perjurers and denounced the nuptial compact as a forgery. Miss Brackett, the young woman who accompanied Miss Hill on her weird visit to the cemetery and who was to be the plaintiff's chief witness, disappeared in the midst of the trial and the element of tragedy was not lacking for one of the women witnesses, whose early life was too closely inquired into, swooned away; her son pulled a derringer on the offending counsel, revolvers were whipped out by nine-tenths of the spectators and a scene of bloodshed was narrowly averted. Tried on this remote coast, the case has attracted comparatively little attention in the East, considering the elements of superstition, perjury and smouldering tragedy which have marked its progress. Had the proceedings been had in New York, Boston, Chicago, or any of the European capitals, the Hill-Sharon suit would have commanded a degree of attention surpassing that attracted by any trial of modern times.

At 9 o'clock the court room was filled with a crowd of merchants, professionals and prominent members of the bench and bar. Sharon was conspicuous by his absence. The fair plaintiff appeared at an early hour, accompanied by counsel. Sharon was represented by General Barnes, Judge Evans and Frank G. Newland. The reading of the decision by Judge Sullivan consumed two and a half hours. The first intimation that the decision was for the plaintiff, brought a quick flush to her face, and elicited broad smiles from her counsel, the opposing counsel being proportionately cast down. The decision began with an exhaustive and comprehensive review of the case from its inception; then the court reviewed the marriage contract and the circumstances under which it was alleged to have been written. In his opinion the contract was genuine, and written as Mrs. Sharon averred. He believed her story in every particular. The fact that a date and Nevada appeared under the signature was, in his mind, proof that it was written and signed by Sharon as alleged. About the charges that the contract was crowded progressively, was written over folds, and that a secret clause was appended to the letter, he put to reliance, other than as indications that the contract was written from dictation in the awkward manner as described by Mrs. Sharon. He doubted the evidence of the experts as to the writing over the folds, and looked upon the errors and erasures in the contract as proof of its genuineness. The court then scathingly denounced the perjury committed by several witnesses for the prosecution. In the matter of the alleged introduction, Mrs. Sarah Althea Sharon by Sharon to Mrs. Reigart and others, as his wife, the court believed her testimony was fully false, but after scoring her for her false testimony, her attorneys for using false testimony, said that a woman doubtful of the legality of her plea might be tempted to add to its strength, and still the plea be just in other respects.

The decision concluded as follows: "I have endeavored to trace the lines of the plaintiff and defendant from the time of their first meeting to the present. I have examined the law bearing on their relations, as opened to my investigation and research and as a result have reached the conclusion that William Sharon, defendant, by virtue of a secret contract of marriage or written consent thereof, and of sufficient assumption of marital rights, duties and obligations to the marriage state to satisfy the law of the State of California, has become and now is the husband of Sarah Althea Sharon, plaintiff in this case. Admissions of pleadings and explicit testimony in record, established that in violation of his marriage vow, he has been guilty of wilfully abandoning his wife, under the circumstances amounting to desertion in the eyes of the law, and that such wilful desertion continued for more than one year, prior to the commencement of this action.

"Under the law of this State, Sarah Althea Sharon, plaintiff in this case, is entitled to a decree of court, dissolving the bonds of marriage now existing between her and her husband, William Sharon, defendant herein. The law provides that on its dissolution of marriage the wife, in case of desertion, shall be awarded one-half the earnings or accumulations of the parties during marriage. No evidence has been offered to establish what portion of the property of the defendant is community property, as distinguished from rents, issues, profits and accumulations of his separate estate, held by him prior to August 25, 1880; the pleadings do not determine the amount or the character of the property which constitute the acquisitions of the parties as distinct from the earnings of separate estate of each during the marriage state, which constitute community property. In order to determine that question it is necessary that an accounting or some further proceedings should be had.

"At this time, I announce for the information of the parties and counsel that the plaintiff is, in my judgment, entitled to a decree of divorce on the ground of wilful desertion and a division of the common property."

COMPETING CABLES.

A War of Rates Waging Between Europe and America.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The opening of the new cables of the Commercial Cable Company has created no little excitement in business circles throughout Great Britain and the Continent. Already the business community see prospects of lower telegraph rates between America and Europe. The indications this morning point clearly to a rate war between the competing companies. The Direct United States Cable Company was the first to meet the reduction in rates. They had flaming posters placarded early this morning announcing a reduction of tariff to a level with the Commercial Company. The French Cable Company met the reduction shortly after. The Anglo-American was a little slower, but finally put out old posters with new prices inserted where the old rates were printed. John Pender, Chairman of the Direct Cable Company, was at his office at an early hour this morning, and has since been actively engaged with subordinates in forming plans to resist any attempt the Commercial Company may make to secure the business of the pooling companies. His conversation indicates that there will be no surrender to the new Company. The officials of the Pooling Companies will hold a meeting at which the situation will be thoroughly discussed. It is intended that the result of this meeting will be to further the reduction of rates. The Commercial Company is being well patronized to-day and has done a good business since the opening.

ROUGH WEATHER.

Captain Cates Recites His Last Experience in a Storm.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Captain Cates, of the steamer Wilkesbarre, which has arrived here, reports that the weather on the passage was the worst he has ever experienced in years of travel along the coast. He left New York with pleasant weather, but when off Norwalk encountered a heavy gale and was obliged to anchor. His next run was to New London, at which place he was obliged to put in on account of a severe snow storm.

Vineyard Haven also proved a harbor of refuge for the ship; a terrific snow storm, accompanied by fierce winds, necessitating a stop there. From the Vineyard to Boston the passage was a rough one, and in one respect extraordinary. Night before last the wind was blowing a gale. At this time the steamer was on the shoals.

Late at night a terrible storm burst, and continued nearly all night. Captain Cates described the storm as the worst he ever experienced, the heavens being continually lighted by flashes of lightning, accompanied by thunder. During the height of the gale the mastsheads of the steamer were lighted by components, and as the wind increased it blew these lights to leeward, leaving a long trail of sickly light behind.

The presence of the sailors' Jack-o'-day lanterns is very unusual in those waters. Captain Cates reports that he spoke the bark Fanny R. Lewis, anchored between the Cross Rip Light Ship and the Handkerchief.

LIFE ON THE RAIL.

Passengers Entertained by a Gang of Cowboys.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Yesterday evening, as the east-bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific was nearing a bridge crossing the Pecos River, a number of torpedoes exploded on the track, causing the engineer to stop the train. Six cowboys boarded the train with drawn revolvers and compelled the conductors to stop at Langtry, the next small station.

At Langtry twenty more cowboys boarded and took possession of the train. They were all more or less under the influence of liquor. They amused themselves by shooting out all the window lights and lamps, terrorizing the passengers generally. As the train passed small stations the cowboys would shove their heads out of the broken windows, shoot and yell.

A passing freight train was saluted in a similar manner. Several hundred shots were fired, and the roof of the cars rattled. They robbed the train boy of his stock of peanuts and candies, but so far as known nobody was hurt. Judge Fallon, United States District Attorney Evans and Sheriff White were among the passengers, but thought it best not to make their identity known. The gang left the train at Uvalde, after riding over sixty miles.

A Brute Sentenced.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—The trial of William H. Matthews, charged with assaulting his thirteen year old stepdaughter, has been concluded. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Matthews was sentenced to twelve years in the State prison.

Illegal Voting.

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—United States Commissioner Strong has decided to hold Richard C. Gunning, on the charge of illegal voting at the last election in Buffalo. Gunning had not resided within the State for one year, and was not entitled to vote. Bail was placed at \$1,000.

Boat Builders Sunk.

NEW ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Ward, Stanton & Co., steamboat builders, have assigned to James Regg, of No. 9 Dey street, New York. The firm lost \$50,000 by fire two years ago.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Duly Celebrated by Royalty and the Common People.

The Coronation Massacre—Austrian Bank Failures—Gen. Wallace Returned—The Egyptian Question—General Foreign News.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The customary Christmas eve banquet and distribution of presents by the Emperor and the members of his household was elaborately carried out Wednesday evening. The occasion was also observed throughout the city by festivities of various kinds, and the streets presented a gay and enlivening appearance. The weather is cold and fine.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The weather is cold and clear, and the rejoicings incident to the season have been general throughout the metropolis.

HIS HOLINESS, THE POPE.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The Pope formally received the Cardinals, as is the custom on Christmas. In addressing them he lamented the hostile criticisms upon the prospect for a Papal lazaretto. The establishment of Protestant churches in Rome was deplored. His Holiness also took occasion to denounce the divorce bill, pending before the Italian Parliament. The general tone of his remarks were pessimistic.

COREAN MASSACRE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The State Department has been officially notified by the American Minister in Japan of the massacre, in Corea, in which Moon Yon Ik, who was chief of the Korean Embassy that visited this country last summer, was the first man killed.

AUSTRIAN BANK FAILURES.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—The liabilities of the suspended Bohemian Mortgage Bank amount to \$10,000,000. The Credit Bank of Vienna is involved in this failure. The Carinthian Discount Company of Vienna failed to-day, with liabilities at \$750,000. The numerous recent failures and the gloomy business outlook have caused the usual festivities of the holiday season to be to a great extent abandoned.

GEN. WALLACE RETURNED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—General Wallace, the American Minister, has returned to his post after a visit to the United States.

PASHA COMING.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—Hassan Fehmi Pasha has started for London. He is charged with the mission of endeavoring to persuade Lord Granville to admit the Sultan to a voice in the settlement of the Egyptian question.

AUSTRIA SIGNS THE TREATY.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—Austria has signed the treaty by which she recognizes the African International Association.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PHYSICIAN DEAD.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Prof. Grimm, body physician to the Emperor William, is dead. He was the chief promoter of the sanitary system of the German army.

RUSSIAN JUSTICE.

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—A Frenchman confesses to the murder of Sarah Becker, a Jewish girl, for whose murder a man named Moronowitch was last week sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at hard labor, and his supposed accomplice, named Bezak, exiled.

WHAT'S WRONG NOW?

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Government has sent an urgent order to Portsmouth to hold all available men of the southern division of the Royal Artillery in readiness to go to Gibraltar.

SPAIN IN GUINEA.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—Eighty native chiefs have proclaimed Spanish sovereignty over fifteen thousand square kilometres of land on the Gulf of Guinea, opposite Corisco Island.

DECLARES FOR FREE TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The French Chamber of Commerce has protested against the proposed increase of corn duties by France, and declares itself in favor of free trade.

EXTRA GUARDS.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Extra guards have been placed at the principal prisons in London as a prevention against the operations of dynamiters.

ENGLAND SNUBBED.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The National Gazette says: "The Powers have tacitly agreed to regard England's proposals respecting Egyptian finances as disposed of unless England shall expressly demand an answer."

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Persistent rumors are current that Bismarck intends to bring the Egyptian question before the Congo Conference, and that the various embassies are communicating with their respective Governments upon the subject.

VICTORIA'S SYMPATHIES AROUSED.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Distress at Glasgow, Liverpool and other ports, has attracted the attention of the Queen, who desires to open a subscription for the relief of the sufferers, and has asked the Government for information on the subject. It is reported that Gladstone is unwilling to admit the existence of distress.

AFRICAN ANNEXATION.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The German and French Governments are discussing the form of a declaration of limits for future annexation in Africa. The agreement here guarantees the success of the Congo Conference.

FOREIGN NOTES.

It is reported that Bismarck will go to Cairo.

The Turkish Finance Minister has offered his resignation.

An Italian expedition under Captain Cecchi will start the last of this month from Genoa for the Congo.

At Panama there was considerable disturbance during the elections. Several persons were killed and wounded.

Suleiman Pasha and Zia, Rached and Ahmed Beys are suspected of encouraging a rebellion among Circassian troops.

The eighty-ninth birthday of Prof. Leopold Von Ranke, historian, was recognized by testimonials from all parts of Germany.

Amscher, cashier of the Austrian Discount Bank, is arrested upon the charge of complicity with Janner, the defaulting bank cashier.

Panama is being put in order, almost the first time in its existence. The streets are being cleaned and hygienic measures adopted.

The police surprised and arrested a num-

ber of Anarchist workmen holding a secret meeting in the ruins of Wolsenberg Castle at Tepitz, Austria.

Prince Albert will join the Grenadiers at the close of his studies in the University. The Prince of Wales has requested that no distinction be made between the duties of Albert and other officers.

The residence of the well known contralto, Albini, at Ville d'Avray, a Parisian suburb, was robbed on Tuesday night of a quantity of souvenirs of her career, especially valued by the great singer.

Recent instructions to the gunboat Goshawk include: "Raising the British flag at Bay St. Lucia and on the coast of Anatolia." By this means the entire country south of Delagoa Bay will be placed under British protection. This action was taken in consequence of rumors of German designs to annex Anatolia and open a route to Transvaal.

HORRIBLE EXPLOSION.

A Steam Pipe Blows Out and Cooks a Mass of Tramps.

LINCOLN, Ill., Dec. 26.—The blow off pipe of the boiler of the Lincoln Coal Company blew out and fatally scalded two tramps who were sleeping with eight others over the boiler house. The names of those fatally burned are Martin Worden and John Ludwig, both laborers, without homes.

The others are Tobias Tebbow, a locomotive driver, living at Milford, Canada; badly scalded about the face, hands and extremities. He will probably lose both hands. This man at first was all right, but when he heard Ludwig calling for help, rushed back and in getting him out was burned horribly. He is a plucky little fellow and does not regret his heroic act. William Riley, of Chicago, scalded on the hands, face and back. James McCordien, of Boston, a stone cutter, had his hands burned and cooked. John Riley, of New York, will lose one hand. Herbert Samuel, of Pittsburg, hands and wrists scalded. James Welch, no home, hands and face cooked.

All the injured were removed to the hospital and medical aid given them. They are in a horrible condition and the physicians in charge think that amputation will be necessary in nearly every case. The place where the men were sleeping has been used by tramps for years and is a snug, warm place on top of the brick work above the boilers.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

Of the Gould System Ready to Fight the Cut.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—J. H. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said in regard to the threatened strike in the Gould system:

"Put it down under my name that we will not stand a cut and are prepared to meet the Gould system on any other system on that subject. Whatever this committee does, will be done by all the members of our organization and be upheld by every other one in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. There are between 16,000 and 18,000 active members and their action is final and without appeal. In case we went out the other organizations will support us."

In answer to a question as to whether they would have the aid of the firemen and others, he said: "We stand by ourselves, to fight our own battles, and do not affiliate with other societies in this matter."

Noted Crook Captured.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 26.—During last winter and spring a number of incendiary fires took place in Georgetown and vicinity, the sufferers being chiefly the officers charged with executing the provisions of the Scott temperance act. Suspicion pointed to a notorious character named Francis Sidney, belonging in Syracuse, New York, who confided to another party that he had done the work at the instigation of liquor dealers. Sidney believing himself unsafe went to the United States. A government detective got information of his return last week and succeeded in arresting him at Lindsay. He took him to Oakville, where he was indicted before the Police Magistrate and remanded for eight days to the Milton Jail. Sidney is also wanted at Cobourg, and other places, and should he turn Queen's evidence as it is expected he will, there will be a sensation.

A Female Philanthropist.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A lady called upon Mayor Martin to consult in relation to a scheme she proposes to undertake. It is to create a fund which shall be used for the care of the teeth of children in the schools whose parents are unable to pay dentist's bills. She proposes to contribute \$50,000 toward the project. At the suggestion of the Mayor she will first try the experiment in one school.

Large Cattle Sale.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26.—One of the largest cattle sales ever made in Texas was consummated yesterday. Curtis Halkinson, of Henrietta, sold to Mr. Good Knight, of the Pan Handle route, 5,000 head of cattle for \$150,000 cash. They were good Northwest Texas stock cattle and brought \$30 per head. This is considered a very extraordinary price and shows that the live stock outlook is improving.

English Labor.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—The 150 immigrants who are to form the force of the new English hosiery mill at Simmonville, arrived here this morning and embarked in furniture vans for the last stage of their long journey. They seemed very happy and hopeful in the visions of wealth which danced before their eyes. They will earn from fifty cents to \$1.25 a piece a day.

A Chance to Join the "Broadway Squad."

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 26.—Captain Stewart of the New York police force, having having heard that the Winnipeg police force was going to resign has written offering as many as will go \$1,000. He wants to put them on the Broadway squad, and offers to let them select their own captain.

Decision Reserved.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—The arguments in the application of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company vs. the Commercial Telegraph Company for an injunction, have been concluded. Judge Shipman reserved his decision.